

Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 20, 2004, in which claims 1-22 were rejected. With this amendment, claims 3, 11, 21, and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 1, 8, 12, and 13 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-20, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leiman et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,469,796 in view of Motoyama et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,631,247.

With this Amendment, claims 3, 11, 21, and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice. The rejection of claims 3, 11, 21, and 22, therefore, is rendered moot.

With this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to clarify that the print services data includes cost data of the print services and production data of the print services including a consumables requirement of the print services. As such, the method of managing print services provided by a print provider, as claimed in independent claim 1, and the system for managing print services provided by a print provider, as claimed in independent claim 8, each include collecting print services data related to print services provided by a print provider, analyzing the print services data to generate statistics of the print services, and reporting the statistics of the print services, wherein the print services data includes cost data of the print services and production data of the print services including a consumables requirement of the print services.

The Leiman et al. patent discloses a print server and method for routing print jobs to different types of printers and the Motoyama et al. patent discloses a method, system, and program for communicating with machines connected to a network to monitor and send messages regarding status, usage, or capabilities of an attached device. Neither of these patents, however, teach or suggest collecting and analyzing print services data of print services of a print provider, and generating and reporting statistics of the print services based on the print services data, wherein the print services data includes cost data of the print

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services and production data of the print services including a consumables requirement of the print services.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 8 are each patentably distinct from the Leiman et al. and Motoyama et al. patents and, therefore, are in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2 and 4-7 further define patentably distinct claim 1, and dependent claims 9, 10, and 12-20 further define patentably distinct claim 8, Applicant submits that dependent claims 2 and 4-7, and dependent claims 9, 10, and 12-20 are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-20 be allowed.

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In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-20 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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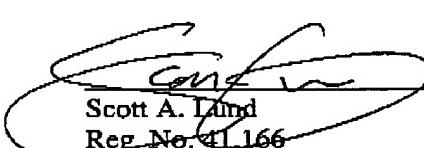
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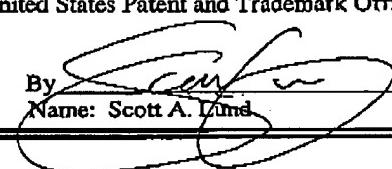
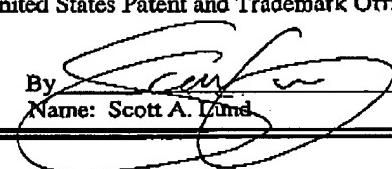
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